

Chapter 1 – The Consulting Rosarian

The Consulting Rosarian (CR) Program is an integration of persons knowledgeable in the culture of roses who serve the American Rose Society in a variety of capacities. There are several levels within the program, all of which are important for a smoothly running operation.

The levels of the Consulting Rosarian (CR) Program include the CRs, Master Rosarians (MRs), the National CR Chairman, National CR Committee, District CR Chairs, and Local Society CR Coordinators. Each level assists the other levels and the local societies.

The CRs and MRs are the ambassadors and representatives of the American Rose Society (ARS). They represent the ARS in direct interactions with the public. Each District has a CR Chair who is automatically on the National CR Committee. The District CR Chairs represent the District for all proposals and changes to the CR program.

Qualifications to Become a Consulting Rosarian

Any member of the American Rose Society qualifies as a Consulting Rosarian provided; they meet the following:

1. Are at least 18 years of age.
2. Have been a regular or associate member of the American Rose Society for two consecutive years.
3. Should have email, if possible.
4. Be an active member of a local rose society.
5. Have grown a variety of roses for at least five years.
6. The candidate must be knowledgeable of equipment and materials related to rose culture.
7. Attend an approved ARS School for Consulting Rosarians and complete and pass an open book exam based on the material contained in the *Consulting Rosarian Manual* with a score not less than 75%.
8. Sends a completed CR Candidate Form to the candidate's District CR Chair at least thirty days before the CR School.
9. Attend all programs presented at the school.
10. Must know and be willing to live up to the Consulting Rosarian Code.
11. Is willing to attend no less than one Consulting Rosarian School/Seminar every four years or accrue four Continuing Education (CE) credits (**one of which is chemical safety**) in four years by attending seminars approved by the National CR Chair. It is possible to accrue Continuing Education credits by accumulating four Continuing Education credits approved by the District CR Chair with one being Chemical Safety.
12. Exhibits a continuing willingness to share knowledge and an enthusiasm for the rose and the American Rose Society ideals.
13. Filing a Roses In Review (RIR) report yearly is expected.
14. A completed CR activity report form (if required by the District) must be submitted to the District CR Chair by the date designated by the District CR Chair.

15. After passing the open book written exam, the CR then receives a date for the completion of their next four-credit audit. CRs are required to accrue four CE credits **(one must be chemical safety)** in four years by either attending approved seminars for CE credits or by participating an approved CR School/Seminar by December 31st of their audit year.

A Consulting Rosarian ribbon badge is available from ARS Headquarters for those who have met the school and test requirements. School receipt certificates are required to obtain this badge.

Maintaining Your CR Certification

A Consulting Rosarian is required to maintain their certification by earning/accruing four CE credits (one of which MUST be on chemical safety) by December 31st of their expiring year.

Example:

A person becomes a CR on May 1, 2019 – to maintain their CR Certification, they must earn four CE Credits between May 1, 2019, and December 31, 2023 (their next audit year).

The District CR Chair and the individual CR track CE credits and the District CR Chair notifies the ARS when a CR has completed their requirements.

In addition to earning the four CE Credits a CR must:

1. Needs to maintain an active membership with the ARS.
2. Needs to maintain membership in local society.
3. Does not refuse/agree to have their name and method of contact listed in any rose related reference.
4. Exhibits a continuing willingness to share knowledge and an enthusiasm for the rose and the American Rose Society ideals.
5. Where applicable – Complete and submit a CR activity report form to the District CR Chair by the date designated by the District CR Chair.
6. Is expected to participate yearly in the Roses in Review (RIR).
7. Consulting Rosarians should be willing to support all the activities of the American Rose Society.

Consulting Rosarian Code

Every Consulting Rosarian, on accepting the appointment, should be fully cognizant of the Consulting Rosarian Code and should wholeheartedly be willing to live up to the code:

“I, _____, accept the honor of the official appointment as a Consulting Rosarian of the American Rose Society for the _____ District. I pledge my earnest efforts toward the increase and stimulation of membership in the American Rose Society, in cooperation with the District Director. I shall uphold the highest standards of our American Rose Society in inspiring a love and appreciation of roses, their culture, and exhibition. The aims and purposes of the American Rose Society shall be foremost in my mind in promoting and forming new rose societies, securing new members, and serving present members and anyone interested in roses. I recognize and accept the responsibilities of this post, as well as the privilege of service.”